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1. CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS IEA GOVERNING

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ACCORDING TO PLAN. NO REPEAT NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS

BOARD ON RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE TODAY JULY 28 WENT

RAISED TO PROPOSALS WE HAVE GIVEN TO FRENCH. ALL DELEGATIONS OF COURSE RESERVE THEIR POSITION UNTIL THEY SEE THE FRENCH PAPER, AND GOVERNING BOARD DECIDED TO MEET DURING AUGUST BEFORE THOSE COUNTRIES (JAPAN, EC, U.S.) INVITED TO NEW PREPCON RESPOND TO THE FRENCH INVITATION. BUT THIS IS A FORMALITY.

- 2. MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION WAS IEA ROLE IN THE DIALOGUE. GOVERNING BOARD AGREED TO OUR POSITION THAT (A) IEA SHOULD BE PRESENT AT NEW PREPCON ON SAME BASIS AS BEFORE, BUT WOULD NOT ASK TO SPEAK; AND (B) IEA WOULD BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK. DAVIGNON SUBSE-QUENTLY PUT THIS TO THE FRENCH AS THE AGENCY POSITION. SMALL COUNTRIES (SWISS, SWEDES, AUSTRIANS, IRISH, SPANISH) PARTICULARLY INSISTENT ON IEA PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, SOME MEMBERS (NOTABLY JAPANESE AND ITALIANS) ARE WORRIED BY FACT U.S. HAS NOT MENTIONED IEA PARTICI-PATION DURING CONSULTATION WITH OIL PRODUCERS AND WANT TO BE SURE IEA PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BECOME MAKE-OR-BREAK ISSUE IN AUGUST ON RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE. THUS JAPAN DECLINED TO MAKE SEPARATE REPRESENTATION TO FRENCH ON THIS, AS WE HAVE AND AS WE EXPECT EC WILL.
- 3. DISCUSSION OF FOURTH COMMISSION ON MONETARY AFFAIRS WAS NON-COMMITTAL.
- 4. ON THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE OF AGENCY WORK, THERE WERE TWO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. FIRST, THE AGENCY AGREED TO RAISE ITS STOCK LEVELS FROM 60 TO 66 DAYS OF IMPORTS BY JANUARY 1, 1976, IN A FIRST MOVE TO REDUCE OUR VULNERABILITY THIS WINTER. IT WAS AGREED TO SET A FIGURE OF 70 DAYS AT THE NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, IF JAPAN WILL COME ALONG.
- 5. SECOND, THE ITALIANS, WHO HAVE BEEN STRONGLY RESIST-ING THE MINIMUM SAFEGUARD PRICE AND HOLDING UP PROGRESS IN THE AGENCY, HAVE NOW AGREED TO COOPERATE IN WORKING OUT A PACKAGE DEAL INCLUDING THE MINIMUM SAFEGUARD PRICE FOR DECISION DECEMBER 1. THIS IS THE RESULT OF A SECRET

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MEETING BETWEEN INCOMING FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL MANZINI AND MYSELF IN ROME JULY 27, AFTER WHICH NEW INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT THE GOVERNING BOARD. WHAT MANZINI WANTS IN RETURN IS A U.S. GREEN LIGHT AND IF POSSIBLE U.S. SUPPORT WITH RIYADH IN WORKING OUT A LARGE-SCALE DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA INVOLVING MANUFACTURED GOODS AGAINST PREPAYMENTS. I SAID I WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU.

MANZINI SAID ROME NEEDS SOMETHING LIKE THE FRENCH \$1 BILLION DEAL, BUT IS STILL SHAKY ENOUGH FINANCIALLY SO AS TO BE UNABLE TO PULL IT OFF ALONE.

6. TURNABOUT IN ITALIAN POSITION LESSENS OBSTACLES TO CARRYING OUT THE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES POLICY YOU PROPOSED IN FEBRUARY. THE JAPANESE AND U.S. CONGRESS NOW REMAIN THE MAIN OBSTACLES. CONGRESS SHOULD BE EASIER TO PERSUADE ONCE THE OIL DECONTROL FIGHT IS OVER AND THERE IS AN AGREED ECHEDULE FOR INCREASE OF OIL PRICES. THE MIKI VISIT NEXT WEEK WILL BE IMPORTANT IN REDUCING THE JAPANESE AND THERE ARE TALKING POINTS ON THIS ISSUE PREPARED FOR YOU AND THE PRESIDENT. TURNER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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